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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/10/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 4-6 are presented for examination; claims 4 and 5 independent. The Office acknowledges the cancellation of claims 1-3 and 7.

Priority

2. Applicant's claim of priority under 35 USC 120 is granted and acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. Applicant's IDS submission dated February 11, 2004 has been considered. See attached PTO 1449.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because they are drawn to non-tangible subject matter. These claims recite a system (i.e. *a system for collecting information*) which implies at least one piece of hardware. However, the claim is written as a method with steps. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 5 and 6 recite a system without hardware, which is unclear as to what is being claimed. It appears as a method claim, however is recited as a system. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al. (USPN 6,487,538) (hereinafter Gupta).

8. Referring to claim 4, Gupta discloses a method of distributed screen space content control comprising:

establishing independent updateable screen space areas (i.e. area for the web page content as well as the advertisements) on a web site that is operated by a web site

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owner (i.e. ISP) and includes a plurality of web pages (i.e. pages served by ISP) (e.g. abstract);

establishing a unique location for each said screen space area on a web page (i.e. content in one area whereas the advertisement is inserted elsewhere) (e.g. abstract; col. 8, lines 45-55), and providing program code associated with each said screen space area that is capable of identifying a unique content identifier (i.e. HTML code pulled from a web server with the embedded web content and advertisement identifiers, an inherent feature of a web page);

identifying a plurality of independent content providers (i.e. advertisers) and assigning a said unique content identifier (it is inherent that each advertiser has its own identifier, otherwise it would not be able to be determined which advertiser is which);

allowing each said content provider to submit content associated with its unique content identifier to said website, and allowing said program code to recognize the unique content identifier that was assigned to a said content provider and to pull said content to the screen space area that such program code is associated with (i.e. HTML code will have an embedded URL for such an advertisement, and it will cause the browser to request the advertisement and display the advertisement on the screen) (col. 8, lines 45-55; Figure 5, ref. 512); and

displaying the content submitted by said content provider in the screen space area that said content was pulled to (Figure 5, ref. 512).

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9. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected for similar reasons as stated above. Furthermore it is inherent that a form is used for inputting said information, otherwise the information would not be able to be collected for the advertisement, since any user interface can be construed as a form for inputting information.

Conclusion

10. Applicant employs broad language, which includes the use of word, and phrases, which have broad meanings in the art. In addition, Applicant has not argued any narrower interpretation of the claim language, nor amended the claims significantly enough to construe a narrower meaning to the limitations. As the claims breadth allows multiple interpretations and meanings, which are broader than Applicant's disclosure, the Examiner is forced to interpret the claim limitations as broadly and as reasonably possible, in determining patentability of the disclosed invention. Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir.1993). Failure for Applicant to significantly narrow definition/scope of the claims and supply arguments commensurate in scope with the claims implies the Applicant intends broad interpretation be given to the claims. The Examiner has interpreted the claims with scope parallel to the Applicant in the response, and reiterates the need for the Applicant to more clearly and distinctly, define the claimed invention.

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11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
12. Miyasaka (USPN 6,766,362) discloses providing a network-based personalized newspaper with personalized content and layout.
13. Van Wyngarden (USPN 6,038,597) discloses providing and accessing data at an internet site.
14. Chennapragada et al. (USPN 6,701,368) discloses providing a stream of data to a browser to update properties on a page.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph E. Avellino whose telephone number is (571) 272-3905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00-4:00.

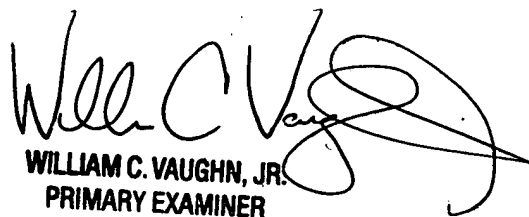
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A. Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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